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SUBJECT: UNIDO-PRC FUNDED PROJECT IN MAURITANIA

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SUMMARY: PRC TO BUILD GARMENT FACTORY IN MAURITANIA AS BILATERAL
AID PROJECT AND/OR THROUGH PRC VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION TO
UNIDO.

1. ALTHOUGH CHINESE TECHNICAL EXPERTS WITH ACCOMPANYING
UN OFFICER ARRIVED NOUAKCHOTT MID-JULY ADVERTISED AS UNIDO
MISSION, CHINESE TOLD DEPUTY UN RESREP HERE THAT IF UNIDO
FUNDING UNAVAILABLE FOR ALL OR ANY PART OF PROJECT PRC WILL
FUND THE DIFFERENCE AS BILATERAL PRC-MAURITANIA AID.
IN FACT, TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY OF SITE IS ALREADY IN PROGRESS
WITHOUT COMPLETE UNIDO CLEARANCE PROJECT DESIGN.

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2. GARMENT FACTORY WILL HAVE 100,000 PIECE PER YEAR CAPACITY AND WILL BE BUILT IN NOUAKCHOTT. FOUR CHINESE TECHNICAL EXPERTS WILL SUPERVISE BUILDING CONSTRUCTION, EQUIPMENT INSTALLATION AND FACTORY OPERATION. FACTORY WILL EMPLOY 80 PERSONS AND IS SCHEDULED TO BE OPERATIONAL WITHIN 18 MONTHS. ALL EQUIPMENT WILL BE OF PRC MANUFACTURE AND HAS BEEN TENTATIVELY VALUED AT DOLS 175,000. FACTORY'S INITIAL OUTPUT WILL BE CLOTHING FOR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES (UNIFORMS).

3. COMMENT: GIRM IS REQUIRED BY LAW TO FURNISH STUDENTS WITH NEW CLOTHING EACH YEAR AND DEPUTY UN RESREP BELIEVES GIRM ACCEPTED PRC SUGGESTION THAT ALL STUDENTS BE GIVEN UNIFORMS. IF TRUE IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN HOW MAURITANIAN STUDENTS WILL TAKE TO TIGHT FITTING UNIFORMS INSTEAD OF TRADITIONAL FREE FLOWING BOO BOO IN THIS DESERT COUNTRY. IT WAS ONLY IN 1968 THAT STUDENTS RIOTED, IN PART, OVER QUANTITY AND QUALITY OF THEIR GOVERNMENT ISSUED CLOTHING.
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